

Comments for Planning Application 126431/FO/2020

Application Summary

Application Number: 126431/FO/2020

Address: Site South Of Sportcity Way, East Of Joe Mercer Way, West Of Alan Turing Way And North Of The Ashton Canal At The Etihad Campus Manchester

Proposal: Erection of a multi-use arena (Use Class D2) (61082 sqm) with a partially illuminated external facade together with ancillary retail/commercial uses (Classes A1, A3 and A4), with highways, access, servicing, landscaping, public realm and other associated works.

Case Officer: Jennifer Atkinson

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: There is no need for a venue of this size in Manchester. The arena has a capacity of 21,000 and has announced an increase to this.

However, there are no venues in capacity between Manchester Apollo and the Arena. So there is a gap between approx 3,000 capacity and 21,000. Why not build 2 x 10,000 capacity venues. Why compete with something that already exists when there is a huge gap in the market.

Also with regards to the current situation, it is not possible to hold live events yet and it is going to be well into 2021 before we have any idea of what the live music industry will look like and if it will ever recover enough to support two such size venues in Manchester.